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Serial No. 10/713,894	

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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Attached is our Response to Restriction Requirement regarding the above-referenced patent application. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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In re application of: Stefano Giuliano
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For: MANIPULATOR WITH A LINE ARRANGEMENT LEADING TO
A PROCESSING TOOL
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following is responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed September 5, 2007. The Applicant respectfully traverses the Restriction Requirement and elects claims 1 through 10 to remain in the application. All of the claims in this application are generic and cover all of the disclosed embodiments as set forth below and shown in the Figures.

As illustrated in Figure 4, a pneumatic atomizer defines a center channel (40') and uses a rotary seal (58) that extends radially and is generally perpendicular to the center channel (40') for sealing the connection and creating a path for delivery of a medium to the pneumatic atomizer. In Figure 5 and 5A the pneumatic atomizer uses a collar or lip seal (59), the lip seal includes a portion extending vertically and generally parallel within the center channel (40') for delivering the medium in the direction of arrow P in Figure 5A to the pneumatic atomizer. There is no distinction between these two embodiments in any of the claims. For example, as stated in claim 8 "...a sealed rotary leadthrough provided within said processing tool for at least one line for a medium to be

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conveyed outwardly through said processing tool..." does not distinguish a rotary seal (58) as illustrated in Figure 4 from that of the lip seal (59) in Figures 5 and 5A.

Although the Applicant respectfully traverses the Species Restriction Requirement, the Applicant provisionally elects with traverse Group I as disclosed in Figures 1 through 4.

The Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration of the Election/Restriction Requirement and examination of all of the figures and all the claims as previously presented in this application. In the event that the Examiner continues with the Species Restriction Requirement, claims 1 through 10 must be examined based upon the election of the specie above.

Although it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this Response.